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Grandparents such as Peggy Maas, far left, who is followed by her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandson, walked around Elk Point on Sunday to raise pledges to help out the Seniors' Recreation Centre with skyrocketing utilities costs, and also to help grandparents in Africa to raise and educate grandchildren who were orphaned by AIDS. The Grandparents Day walk raised a total of \$4,753 for these two worthy causes.

Grandparents Day walk raises \$4,753

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and district residents ranging from toddlers in strollers to great-grandparents took part in the Grandparents Day walk on a sunny Sunday, Sept. 14, and later returned to the Seniors Recreation Centre for entertainment, refreshments and fun.

Organizer Diana Anderson welcomed the participants, noting that there had been some confusion this year, when the American and Canadian Grandparents Days did not fall on the same Sunday.

The afternoon recognized all grandparents as well as the seniors in Heritage Lodge, whose pictures and stories filled a large area of one wall. "They are our pioneers," Anderson said, many of whom walked to log schoolhouses and toiled long hours on homestead farms in their youth.

Mayor Parrish Tung brought greetings from the Town of Elk Point and thanked all the younger people "for celebrating with your grandparents. You don't know how lucky you are to have them." He also commended the grandparents in Elk Point for their active participation in the community. "You are the ones with the experience and wisdom."

Senior Hazel Hannah took the microphone to relate some of her experiences of long ago, and her experiences as a grandmother, noting that she has "always been close to my grandchildren. I could write a book about them."

Faye Smith entertained with a humorous reading, "If My Body Was a Car."

Members of the Elk Point Youth Choir sang some of the songs from their interpretation of the Old Testament story of Naomi

and Ruth, and were joined by their leaders, Holly Myshaniuk and Diana Anderson, in a rocking "We Are the Body of Christ."

Bernice Capjack once again spearheaded a colouring and story contest at Elk Point Elementary School, and said, "it's always very hard to select the winners."

Colouring contest winners were, Grade 1 and 2: Dustin Pankiw; Grades 3 and 4: Nolan Vogel; Grades 5 and 6: Kelly Sam. Winning stories came from D. J. Drobot, Ashton Ewasiuk and Hannah Ludlage.

Seanna Leaf and Jade Napier won the draw for children who had brought grandparents, while Irene Quinney won the grandparents' door prize draw.

Gary Litvany and Jeff Reiter provided some pleasant easy listening music while the crowd enjoyed cake from Golden Loaf and Tags bakeries, fruit donated by Elk

Point Co-op, and coffee. The youngsters flocked to a treasure dig where they won Centennial t-shirts from Elk Point FCSS.

Paul Chamberland's tale of restoring his parents' homestead house, and the duet of Seanna and Olivia Leaf singing "Grandpa," led up to the final event of the day, the announcement of the total raised: an amazing \$4,753.

Margaret Modin accepted a \$1,426 donation from the total to help with Seniors' Centre utilities, with the balance destined to help African grandparents raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

Peggy Maas was once again the top fundraiser, bringing in a whopping \$1,205. Prizes for the oldest walkers went to Paul Chamberland and Winnie Shepherd, while Shirley Kvill and Marilyn Bosvik won the fundraisers' draw for dinner theatre tickets.

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Council discusses development issues

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

With development and growth all over the community, Elk Point town council had a number of development issues on their Sept. 8 agenda.

A resolution to re-designate a parcel of municipal reserve land was passed and town manager Myron Goyan was directed to proceed with advertising the property.

Council also passed a motion to service one lot, which will be done by town staff, with full recovery of the cost to come from future sale of the property.

Town staff is also ready to build a wheelchair ramp once a contract with the business owner is in place.

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko reported to council that a facelift for the sign erected near the sewer lift station during the 1992 bicentennial celebrations will cost approximately \$3,400. The sign would give travelers directions to the EcoCentre and Iron Horse Trail staging area.

Ice time

Council is getting ready for the winter sports season by sending two public works employees to a course in ice making, and Mayor Parrish Tung said

this will give a much-needed hand to the operating committee of the A. G. Ross Arena.

"Doug (Bassett) was ecstatic," Tung said.

The town also is assisting the Elk Point Curling Club, by forgiving the bill for insurance they have through the town.

Gas franchise

Council will soon have a new franchise agreement with Alta Gas Utilities to replace the current version, signed in July of 1998. They discussed possible revisions to the current seven per cent franchise fee, but may opt to stay at that level. "We have lots of time" to deal with the new agreement, Goyan told them, "but it's important."

School's in

A possible location for Jack and Jill Playschool needed no additional approval for discretionary use, since it already fit within the guidelines. The playschool's former location at Elk Point Elementary School is needed for a regular classroom this year, and the organizers have been hunting for an alternate venue.

Elk Point Elementary's north playground was reconstructed last year, and now Mayor Tung is hoping to use some of the next Sponsorship Program fund-

ing to rebuild the south playground. The town is once again planning to apply in conjunction with the town and County of St. Paul to maximize the amount available, and passed a motion to participate in conjunction with the two other municipalities.

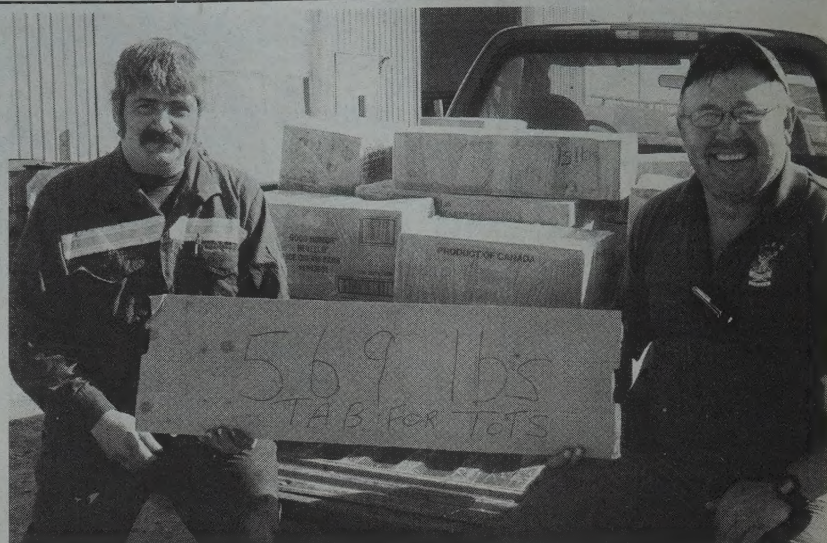
F. G. Miller High School was also on council's agenda, as council agreed to be a \$55 sponsor for the annual awards night.

Walking trail

Prices for a paved walking trail have been determined, with quotes varying from \$156,320 per mile for a six-foot-wide surface to \$71,000 per kilometre for a four-foot-wide walkway, including compaction. The town is looking at paving a path from the road south of the elevator through the creek valley to the recreation park. Paving a strip along the side of the Iron Horse Trail through town is also under discussion.

Recycling

Coun. Dick Millar inquired about the possibility of having receptacles for recycling such material as paper and cardboard. Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich told him the Evergreen Waste Authority "is headed that way" and has applied for a grant toward the provision of this additional service.



Big boost for Elks program

When Jamie Smith moved to Elk Point from Ontario a year ago, he decided he "wanted to do something to help out" in his new community. Since then, with the help of his co-workers at Hahn Welding, the management and staff of Heinsburg Quik-e-Mart and other contributors, Smith has collected four 45-gallon barrels full of beverage can tabs – an amount that added up to 569 pounds, which he turned over to Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge member Mike Chubey for the Elks Association Foundation's Tabs for Tots program. "It's a good cause," Smith says.

Chubey says Tabs for Tots provides special equipment for needed for the care of children in local hospitals, and the Elks would welcome more donations of tabs. Anyone who has tabs to donate can call him at 780-724-3128.

County, Rec Board team up to retain employee

By JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

Due to a lack of employees across the province, the County of St. Paul and the Mallaig Recreation Board are working together to ensure both sides can fill very different seasonal job positions at different times of the year.

A seasonal bucket operator working for the County of St. Paul is interested in obtaining a full-time job with the county, which would ensure the operator's availability next spring, explained Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac.

"Guys come and go," he added.

Meanwhile, the Mallaig Recreation Board is having troubles finding a caretaker for the Mallaig arena, which involves working nights throughout the winter season.

"They just cannot find anybody," said Coun. Alphonse Corbiere.

Upon hearing the situation, councillors discussed whether it would be possible for the County to continue to pay benefits to the seasonal employee, as requested by the Rec Board, during the winter months, while the employee worked at the arena.

The board would either directly pay the employee's salary while he was working for the arena, or reimburse the county.

"I think it's worth a try," said Coun. Glen Ockerman.

Council did express concerns regarding liability, and exact details regarding an agreement between the parties would be discussed.

A motion to create a possible agreement between the shared employee and each party was passed, with only Coun. Maxine Fodness voting against it.

Blasted beaver dam

A ratepayer who rents land near McRae is unhappy with the County of St. Paul after a beaver dam was

blown up, draining water she uses to feed her cattle.

A letter from the ratepayer, who has been renting the land for many years, and has faced the same situation in the past, voiced her displeasure and asked the County to remediate the problem, and ensure a water source is available for 80 pairs of cows.

It was also noted that the landowner had asked the County to be careful prior to blowing the small dam.

"We've always blown those dams," explained Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac.

"With dynamite, it's hard to control," said Jeremy Robinson, the employee who went to blow the dam. He explained that an easement agreement was signed with the landowner prior to blowing the dam.

"We just wanted to make sure everything was clean the whole way through," he explained to council. "It was done for precautionary."

The landowner has already said that she will not sign an easement next year, Robinson told council.

Bouchard admitted that he was unsure which direction council should take. He added that legally, there was an easement in place, but there are still hard feelings to be dealt with.

A motion to send councillors Sloan and Corbiere, along with someone from the public works department, to view the area was passed.

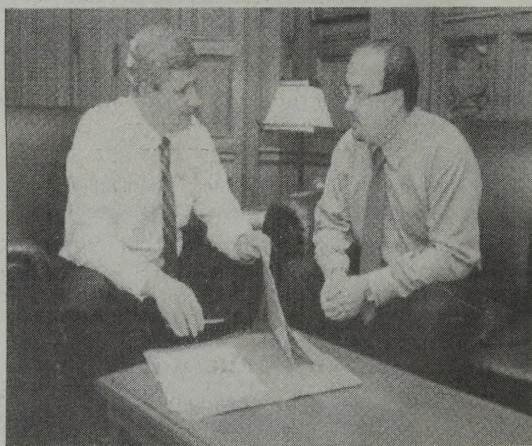
Assessment adjustment

The County of St. Paul will feel a \$151,000 impact after receiving a ministerial order affecting assessment rates for skidded propane gas horizontal storage vessels, in July.

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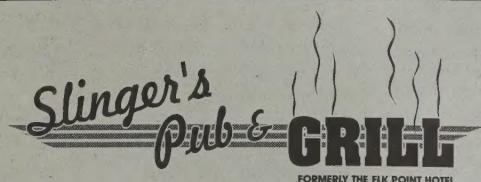


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Full house for Information Night

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

One of the best crowds ever was on hand for last Tuesday's Information Night, hosted by the Elk Point FCSS. Thirty-five groups, organizations and agencies filled the Elks Hall with displays that gave residents an excellent overview of the services and activities available in the area.

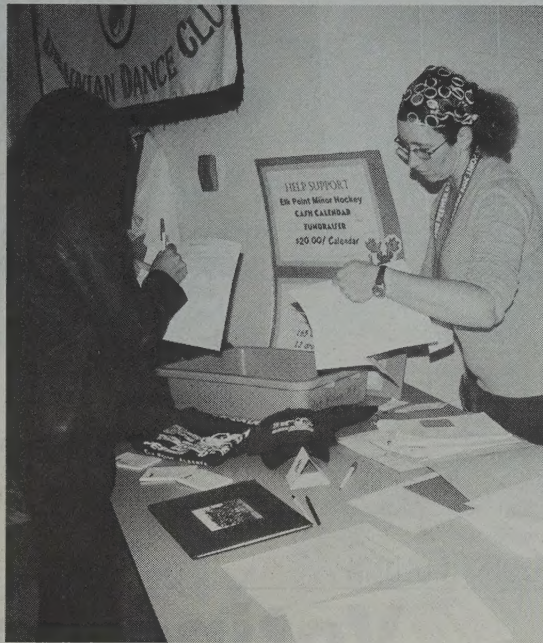
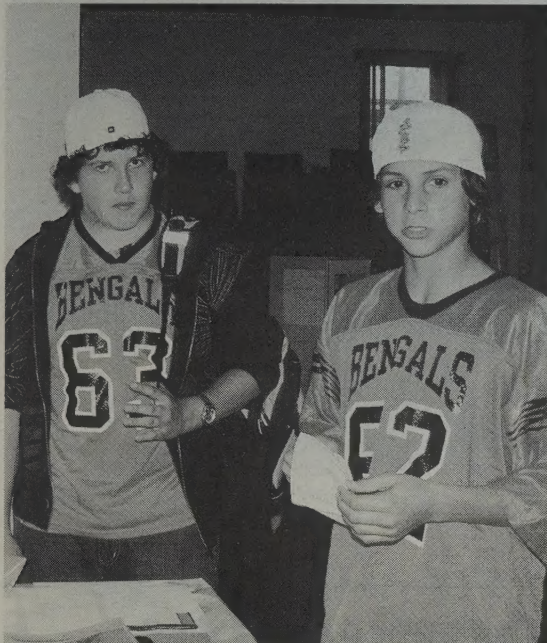
A number of groups were busy taking registrations for

upcoming sports and programs, while others handed out lists of upcoming activities or introduced their organization to newcomers to the community. Agencies such as Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, AADAC and Victim Services offered helpful information, while other groups were there looking for more members.

Most of the exhibitors had draws for door prizes, and many handed out brochures, pens, bookmarks, key tags or

other items to those who stopped by to chat.

The event is free of charge to both exhibitors and viewers, and is a great way to kick off a new season of activities in Elk Point.



Vicki Brooker photos

Raising money for programs and projects was the focus for many of the exhibitors, from St. Paul Bengals football players Brandon Tremblett and Mark Proskiw, (left) who were selling discount cards to support the Lions football program, to Elk Point Minor Hockey (above), with Toni May and other parent volunteers selling their cash calendars as well as taking registrations for the coming season, to Elk Point Chamber of Commerce (right), with Sharon Smith and Sandy Smith showing off artist's concepts and seeking support for their Eco Centre building project.



Don Pilisko and Lawrence Pidluzny of the Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge were at Information Night to invite new members to join the lodge.

Westlock's Aden Murphy to represent Green Party

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Contributor

To Aden Murphy, the environment will be a key focus in the upcoming federal election, as a pressing issue that is related to every other issue, from health to the economy.

Murphy, 20, has been a member of the Green Party for a few years now, and will now run as the party's candidate in the Westlock-St. Paul riding, while juggling his studies in Political Science at the University of Alberta. He'll face off against Conservative incumbent Brian Storseth, Liberal Leila Houle, the Christian Heritage Party's Sip Hofstede (see Page 12), and the NDP candidate in the Oct. 14 federal election.

The long-time resident of Westlock says he started looking to find a political party that matched his beliefs while in high school. The Green Party fit the bill.

"It looks at the big picture in the long-term," he says. That big picture includes the fact that his

children will probably not grow up in the same world that he knows, he says. "That's a really big deal to me."

Twenty years ago, he would have been a Progressive Conservative, as someone who counts himself as a fiscal conservative. But the Green Party offered him a chance to wed his fiscal conservatism with environmental consciousness and progressive social policies.

"It's an interesting mix," he says of the party. As far as the link goes, the Green Party believes that the economy is dependent on the environment, he says.

"We have to maintain the environment - otherwise you're killing the golden goose. You can't have a healthy economy without a healthy environment."

The environment is linked to the other issues that affect Canadians as well, he says. For instance, according to a new Canadian Medical Association Report, air pol-

lution is expected to lead to the premature deaths of 710,000 Canadian citizens by 2031, and is expected to have an economic cost to the country of nearly \$10 billion in 2008 alone. In addressing issues of health and economy, the Green Party would look at the situation in the environment and try to address problems such as air pollution, explains Murphy.

"This isn't crazy, radical hippie stuff," he says. "That's one of the biggest challenges we have, dispelling the myth that we're hippie tree-huggers."

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- A new application form will be mailed to you only if you received the first AFRP II payment.
- The application will include a declaration and authorization for Agricultural Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) to verify your information. Your information will be kept private and protected.

Cow-calf producers - By January 1, 2009:

- Age verify your 2008 calf crop by entering birth dates for all calves born in 2008 in the CCIA database. Additional assistance will be available to help you enter birth dates in the system.

Feedlot operators - Starting January 1, 2009:

- Beginning January 1, 2009, all feedlots will be required to record animals as they arrive and report cattle move-in information to the CCIA within seven days.
- The CCIA tag number for each animal arriving and leaving the feedlot (not going to slaughter) must be reported to the CCIA within seven days.

Forms will be available at all AFSC and ARD offices throughout Alberta. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM or on-line at www.agric.gov.ab.ca.

Alberta Building Tomorrow

EDITORIAL

What are they thinking?

Last week in Switzerland, a group of scientists tried out the first phase of an experiment which could lead them to prove their theories regarding the 'big bang' which some feel created the cosmos. This first phase was expensive, with a \$10 billion price tag, but relatively harmless. However, some experts feel that continuing the experiment could create black holes which could swallow up the earth.

Is someone going to stop them?

Is this not like watching children light fires under a tank full of gasoline, or watching people that have no idea what they're doing, playing with dynamite?

This is the world we're talking about, the thing we all stand on and raise our food on, not something we could do just as well without. For scientists to perform experiments that could, if something goes wrong, annihilate all of us and the world itself, is definitely a reason for concern, even if their spending of enough money to feed, house and educate large numbers of the world's starving, homeless and illiterate, is not.

YOUR VIEWS

Modernization, commemoration, legislation

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 16 IN...

1988

School was in at Elk Point Elementary, despite construction upheaval of an \$820,000 modernization program, with students relocated to the Community Services Centre, and two classrooms across the street at F. G. Miller High School until the project was completed the following spring. A new generation of golfers was receiving encouragement from Ron Barwick, one of the community's most senior golfers, who presented a challenge trophy for the Elk Point Golf and Country Club's 12 and Under championship, with the first winner being Mark Woytkiw.

1993

A plaque outlining the proud history of Hudson's Bay Company fur trader and fort builder William Tomison was unveiled at the Fort George and Buckingham House Fall Rendezvous, with special guests including MP Deborah Grey, Tracy Cowan of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Dr. Bill Byrne of Alberta Community Development. Division 2 ratepayers met with County Coun. Ray Danyluk in the second in a series of information meetings aimed at keeping residents in touch with what is happening in the county council and school board.

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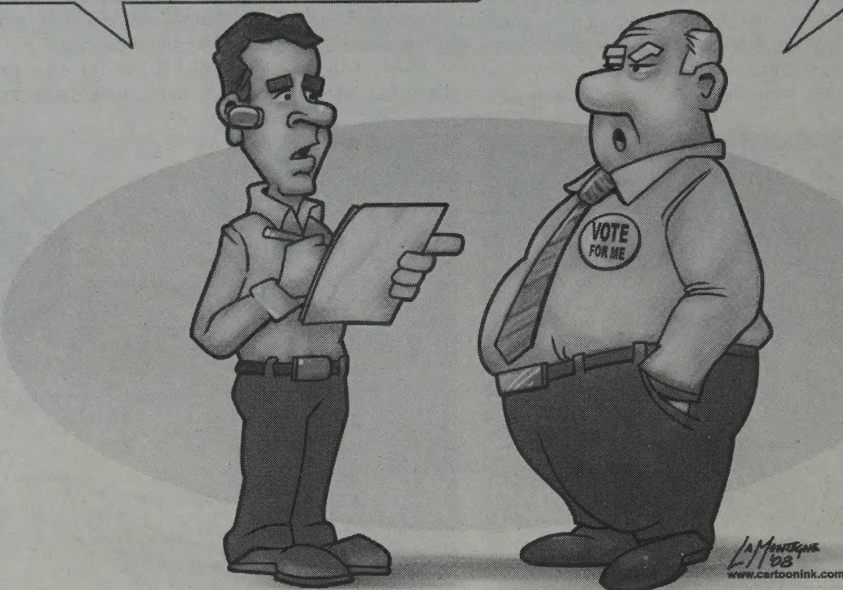
The Community Advisory Policing Committee was back on track for a new season, helping to make the community a safer place to live. Elk Point Historical Society's new Iron Horse Trail Committee was making progress, with the County of St. Paul's Division 1 councillor Allen Young and the Elk Point Trail Riders Snowmobile Club representatives Dale Rinas and Murray Cochrane reporting on upcoming improvements at their last meeting.

2003

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance held an open house in Elk Point, with a group of enthusiastic students among those who learned more about taking care of the watershed. Town council contemplated upgrading their fines for traffic violations to bring them more in line with provincial fines.

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GUEST COLUMN

Voting opportunity

Yes, that is right. An opportunity to vote in the federal election which has been called for Tuesday, Oct. 14th – the day after Canadian Thanksgiving Monday.

Canadians take pride in our democratic system. Canadian citizens have the universal right to vote, and a strong array of mechanisms guarantee that they can exercise their right freely and easily.

A look back at our history shows that this is a recent achievement and demonstrates just how valuable it is.

Over 250 years of history, voting has evolved from a rare privilege to a universal right. Political power in Canada was transferred first from the colonial authorities to a select few among the population, then gradually to every citizen over 18 years of age.

When we look at the history of voting in Canada, we learn about the value of voting. Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine from Lower Canada (now Quebec), and Robert Baldwin, from Upper Canada (now Ontario), united their efforts to promote the principle of responsible government. They succeeded, and responsible government was first established in what is now Canada in 1848. Elected legislative assemblies had existed since 1758, but representatives of the British Crown could block any decision they made. Hence, the legislatures were not responsible to electors. Before 1758, what is now Canada was governed directly by representatives of the colonial powers, France and Britain.

Alexandre-Edouard Kierzkowski was elected to the Province of Canada's legislative council in 1858, but the

election was declared void after opponents claimed that the value of his property was insufficient to qualify him for office. At the time, the right to vote and to be a candidate was reserved for well-to-do citizens.

By 1918 women had the same right as men to vote in federal elections. The march toward the universal right to vote and to be a candidate began with the adoption of the 1920 Dominion Elections Act, but it took until the 1960s

to remove the last traces of discrimination.

In 1960, after decades of debate, the House of Commons finally removed all legal impediments to the voting rights of Native citizens. Since then, various initiatives have been launched to inform them better on electoral matters and to make it easier for them to vote. For example, electoral information is now made available in a variety of Native languages.

Racial and religious discrimination was permitted by electoral legislation until 1960. Notable examples over the years include the effective denial of voting rights to Canadians of Japanese, Chinese or East Indian origins, to Mennonites, to Doukhobors and even to Catholics. This was partly related to pre-Confederation prejudice, and to anti-alien sentiment that was rampant in the war-torn first half of this century. The 1963 general election was the first in which the right to vote was truly universal. Racial discrimination was removed from electoral legislation partially in 1948 and completely in 1960. Religious discrimination was eradicated from the law in 1955. Constitutional law has protected electoral rights since the adoption of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom in 1982.

So when you look at the whole Canadian history of voting, it becomes obvious that the privilege to vote by everyone over 18 years has not always been a given. And yet, today, on the average, about one out of four electors still forfeits that opportunity. We need to all work on that statistic. Let's become involved, learn about the election details and remember to vote on Oct. 14th.



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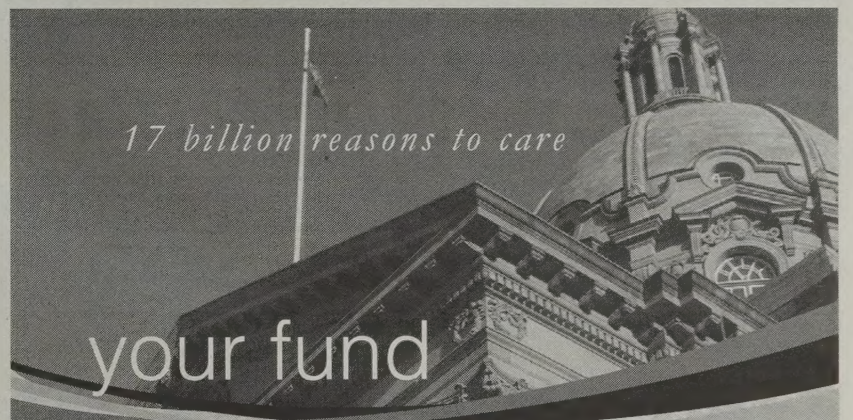
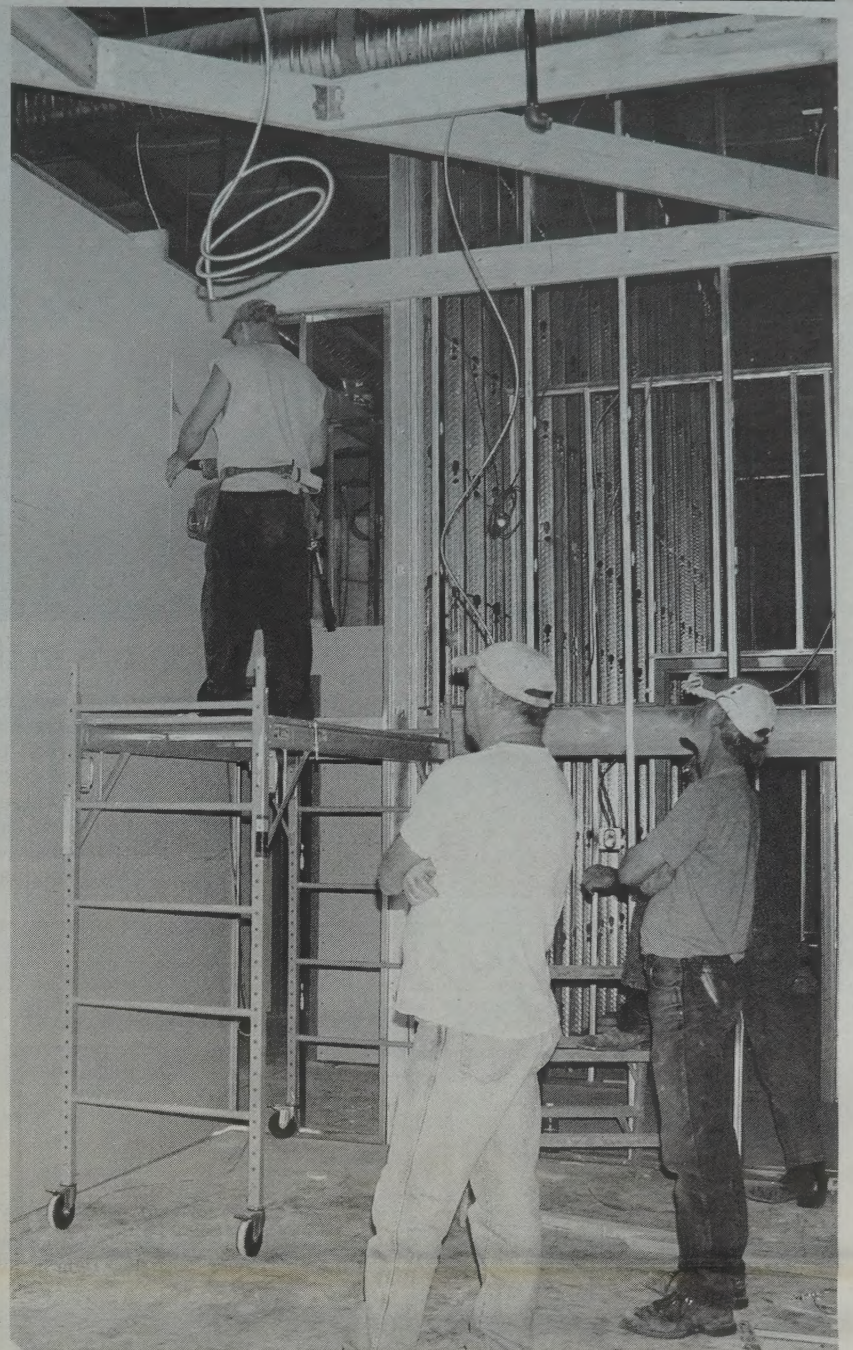
Pure Water Centre



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Co-op contributes to Allied Arts Centre

Mark Gormley and Aaron Knopp presented a \$2,500 donation on behalf of Elk Point Co-op to Don Conrad (centre) for the new Allied Arts Centre. Work on the new centre is coming along well, with drywalling of the kitchen, washrooms and storage areas (right) underway last week.



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Playschools in jeopardy

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Both the St. Paul and Elk Point playschool groups are struggling to find suitable and affordable homes for their respective programs, and recently notified St. Paul Education Regional Division of their troubles. The St. Paul playschool used to be housed in the St. Paul Elementary School, but since last year's flood, the program has been looking for a new home. Further down the highway, the Elk Point playschool was housed in the Elk Point Elementary School, but the school had to make room for more K-9 students, leaving the playschool homeless.

"I received a few phone calls asking if we could do anything," said Chairman Darrell Youngmans at the board's last regular meeting, Sept. 10. He further explained that SPERD does not receive any funding for playschool programs.

Trustee Rhonda Lafrance explained that she had personally seen the hardships being faced by the St. Paul group since being involved with the organization.

She explained that enrollment numbers are at an all-time low, and one French class already had to be cut.

"There's a lot of challenges," said Lafrance.

After hearing of the issues, Superintendent Doug Yeo spoke to the subject.

"I see this as an opportunity," said Yeo. He explained that he would like to find out what type of literacy program was being offered by the playschool groups, since encouraging literacy would in turn help the children when they attend kindergarten.

"If we're going to commit money to it, it better be educational," said Youngmans, adding, "I don't

think we should take responsibility for the whole program."

The board chose to look into the matter further.

Registration fees

Trustee Don Padlesky asked the board if they would be interested in removing student registration fees for the next school year, and heard a variety of responses from members.

Removing the fees would cost the division \$300,000, unless savings could be found in other areas.

Rudkowsky asked if the board would still provide free textbooks, since registration fees primarily replaced the fees being charged for use of school textbooks, an issue Padlesky was unaware of.

After briefly discussing the issue, it was noted that this year alone Yeo had signed about half a dozen fee waivers, due to families not being able to pay registration fees.

"No child will be kept out of our schools," said Yeo.

Enrolment

Superintendent Doug Yeo announced to the board that the division has met its enrolment projection of 3,903 students, and has surpassed it by seven students for the time being.

Financially, the division is in a good position, he explained. Yeo added that the division's biggest problem is providing transportation to students due to buses

being repaired and a lack of available drivers.

Ask a trustee

As part of the board's initiative to create awareness about what it does, a small committee will be organizing a monthly question to be asked by the public, and answered by the board.

The initiative will be called 'Ask a Trustee,' and will appear in local newspapers, newsletters and the division's website.

Another initiative the committee organized was the division calendar, which came in \$3,000 under budget because of the hands-on work done by the committee members.

ASCA

The Alberta School Councils' Association are coming to St. Paul to offer a free seminar to executive and board members of division school councils. The seminar will go over the purpose of parent councils, how to encourage parent council participation and how to start a council on the right foot, said Miller. The seminar goes Oct. 22 at the new Glen Avon School.

Organizational meeting
Prior to last Wednesday's board meeting, trustees met to appoint a chairman, vice chairman and join committees.

Youngmans was once again appointed chairman, and Trustee Steve Upham was appointed vice chairman, both by acclamation.

Elk Point Skating Club

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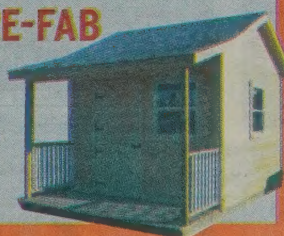
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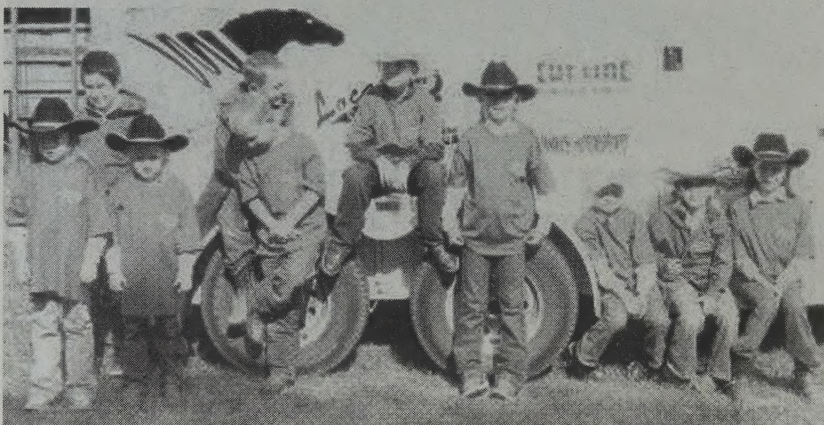
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Pee Wee Class - 1D - Walker Balan - Cookie, 2D - Macey Drobot - Smartie, 3D - Payton Drobot - Dusty; also taking part were Carter Balan, Bailey Brooks, Wyatt Walterhouse, Kamden Rochford, Kailey Wirsta, Courtney Kinch, Kayden Rochford.



Youth Class winners were - 1D: 1 - Caitlin Brooks - Bullet, 2 - Kalir Rochford - Cowgirl, 3 - Jessica Wirsta - Boots; 2D: 1 - Amanda Nelson - Page, 2 - Spencer Young - Ace; 3D: 1 - Jessica Wirsta - Mooney, 2 - Bailey Hines - Jack, 3 - Cassidy Rochford - Penny.

County council notes

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"That puts us into a deficit position," said Heyman, adding, "\$150,000 isn't a big deal to the ministry, but it is a big deal for us."

Council agreed last week to send a letter to the minister, "voicing their displeasure" about the rate amendments being effective for the 2007 assessment year. The County will request that any other amendments come into effect for the next assessment year, so the changes could be budgeted in.

Bouchard described the government as having a "lack of sensitivity to (municipalities') budgeting process."

MR purchases denied

After discussing requests from two separate individuals to purchase MR land, council passed motions to

deny both requests.

The first request came from a lot owner who wanted to purchase a small neighbouring parcel of MR land, while the second request came from an individual who wanted to purchase a piece of lakefront MR land.

"It's going to establish a precedent," said Fodness as council discussed the first request.

"I think we should just deny it," said Sloan later on.

Lloydminster Scouts

The First Lloydminster Scouts have requested the use of a camping area at Ernie's Beach. The area used to be open to the public, but because it was hard to monitor and became a place for people to party, the site was closed off. The scouts are asking that the county reopen the site.

"We as Scouts believe in preserving nature and no trace camping," said a letter from Scouts representative Chris Erickson.

Bouchard recommended contacting the group to gain further information, and possibly recommend a different, nearby site the group could use.

"It would be nice to accommodate them if we can," said Bouchard. The request was tabled for the time being.

Scholarships

This year's County Scholarships have been awarded to Erin Lindquist of Elk Point and Deanna Severin of St. Paul. The scholarships will be presented to each student at their respective schools' awards ceremonies this month.

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Ukrainian Orthodox priest marks 15 years

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Father John Lipinski was uncharacteristically "speechless" on Sunday morning at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Elk Point, when Bob Novasiwski presented him with a huge gift box on behalf of the eight congregations he serves in the Bonnyville and district parish.

After unwrapping the gift and unfolding an exquisite set of ornately embroidered blue vestments worn on feast days of the Virgin Mary at the beginning of the liturgical year and on other special occasions, Father John told his flock he is "honoured to be part of this Christian family for the past 15 years."

Because the liturgical year has just started, Father John added that he will wear the new vestments next Sunday, which is his birthday, for the service in Hamlin.

Father John conducts one service each month in St. Paul and Bonnyville, and alternates between the remaining six churches in

the parish - Sandy Rapids, Gifford, Elk Point, Glendon, Stry and Hamlin - on the remaining Sundays.

The priest later reminisced about his arrival in St. Paul very early one morning in 1993, when he awoke one of his new parishioners to find directions to his new home, and despite the early hour, was warmly welcomed with a smile. His first service was in Glendon.

"We have only a family of five in Canada," Father John told his parishioners at the bountiful potluck meal that followed Sunday's service, "but you have all become our family."

Father John Lipinski and his wife and sons admire the exquisite new vestments he received from the congregations of the eight churches he serves in an area reaching from Bonnyville and Sandy Rapids to Stry and Hamlin.



Church to honour local firefighters

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point United Church is a busy place this fall, with plans underway for a very special service on the first Sunday in October in addition to their usual activities.

That day is the beginning of Fire Prevention Week, and with Thanksgiving following close on its heels, the church will be holding a service of thanksgiving for our volunteer firefighters past and present. The church board is inviting the firefighters and their families as well as everyone in the community who wishes to acknowledge the dedication of these individuals to the preservation of lives and the protection of property. Many of us owe a debt of gratitude to these volunteers, who dedicate their time and energy to the service of others. The 10 a.m. service, led by Rev. Lorraine Lambert, will be followed by a potluck lunch.

The church's Christian-based, nondenominational Junior Choir is back again, with young people from Grade Three to Grade 10 meeting with Holly Myshaniuk and Diana Anderson each Wednesday after school for activities, crafts, music and drama. The group learns songs and skits and leads the church service on the last Sunday of each month. All youngsters in that age group are welcome and do not have to belong to the United Church or any church to be part of this enthusiastic and energetic group.

Rev. Lambert, an ordained minister, leads the worship service on the first Sunday of each month and also leads services at Heritage Lodge and Parkview Extended Care.

The church's rummage store is still open every Friday, and the church board reminds everyone to watch for the date of their upcoming and not-to-be-missed Fall Supper,



Junior Choir leaders Holly Myshaniuk (right) and Diana Anderson led some of their young vocalists in a rousing, rocking version of "We Are the Body of Christ" at the Grandparents Day celebration on Sunday.

Green Party

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Key to the Green Party's environmental platform is its carbon tax, an idea that has long been advocated by the party and which has since been taken up by the Liberals, says Murphy. The plan would cut income taxes, while introducing a tax on industry and pollution.

"A carbon tax has been advocated by environmentalists for years," he says. "It's the simplest, most broad way to deal with climate change."

Other countries such as Sweden have managed to introduce a carbon tax while still growing their economies, he adds.

Although the Green Party's carbon tax plan is more robust than the Liberal plan, for instance, by

including a tax on gasoline, its plan will not increase the cost of living for average Canadians, he says. Those who will be hurt are those who use more carbon, for instance, by driving hummers. And of course, that's the point, says Murphy.

Although he's not expecting to win the election, he is keen to build on the Green Party's base of support in the riding, particularly by stressing to constituents the importance of the environment. Again, it all comes back to the world facing the next generation, he says, a world that may not be the same place that humans today enjoy.

"That's what hits people the strongest," he says. "I think a lot of people are ready to hear this message. I hope they are."

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By DAPHNE SCHNURER
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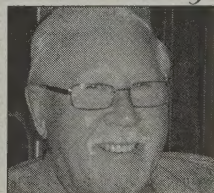
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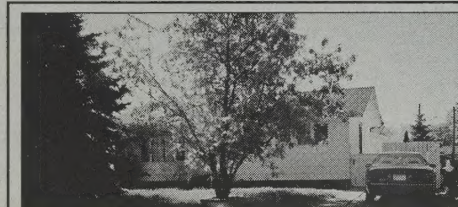
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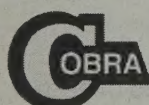
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Students and staff of Chief Napewaew Comprehensive School at Frog Lake were joined by elders and community members in a flag raising ceremony to start the school year off on an uplifting note. Following the ceremony, students lined up to shake hands with the elders before everyone went into the school to enjoy a noontime feast.

Frog Lake athletes to compete overseas

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Budapest, Hungary is a long way from Chief Napewaew Comprehensive School, but that's exactly where three CNCS athletes will be headed after impressive wins at the North American Throws Iron Wood competition in Spokane, Washington in July.

Coach Duane Manderscheid said that Olympic coaches from Canada and the US "basically gave instruction in shot put, discus, javelin and hammer to the athletes. We were there for one solid week, and the training went from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 or 11 p.m. It was a tough one."

CNCS Knights Track Club sent nine

athletes to Spokane, "and they represented Frog Lake and Canada very well. They were great ambassadors for our country," Manderscheid said. "The instructors were overwhelmed by their ability and their willingness to learn."

In the competition, three athletes - 11-year-old Daniel Monias, Louis Stanley and Amber Stanley - were selected to take part in an international throwing workshop in Budapest, Manderscheid said. "Two others, Jordan Stanley and Chase John, were touch-and-go, and there are indications that they'll make it the following year, to Tokyo."

Windy Quinney, Victor Jackson, Keely O'Dell and Tessa Quinney also took part, and Manderscheid said all nine were invited

back to Spokane next July, "and possibly five or six of them will be invited to other special throwing events in the US or other countries."

The coaches, including 10-time world hammer throw champion Harold Connolly "were so impressed that they're allowing us 25 athletes next year. It's a very big plus for us." Connolly is setting up special training programs for Daniel, Louis and Amber that they can do at CNCS, and Manderscheid says, "this clinic in Budapest, the world's top potential hammer throws go there. This year's Olympic winner went there as a 14-year-old. These three, their aspirations are the 2016 Olympics."

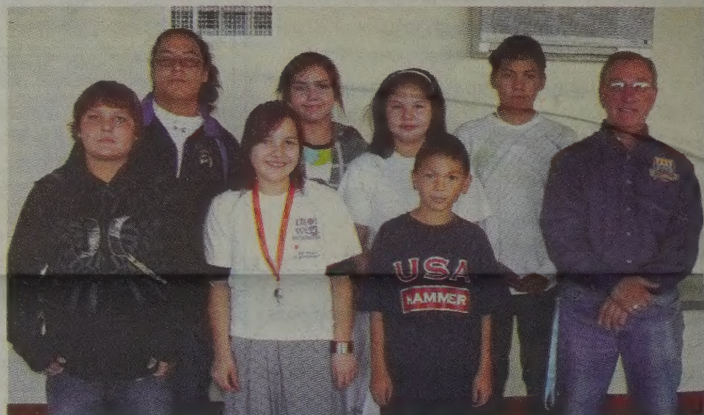
Alberta hammer coach Ian Maplethorpe, Canada's representative at the Olympics in

Beijing, will also be part of their training, with various sessions in Edmonton at Foote Field.

Manderscheid said he was the first coach to bring athletes under 15 years of age to the Iron Wood, "and they were

very impressed. These kids are totally dedicated to the events they were in." This year he will be training seven- to nine-year-olds to throw the hammer, shot put and discus, as well as track and field events.

The CNCS Knights next competition will be the 2008 Last Chance meet at the Butterdome on Nov. 28, when Manderscheid plans to take "close to 60 athletes" to show their skills.



Frog Lake athletes who made a great showing at the North American Throws in Spokane were, back row, left to right: Victor Jackson, Amber Stanley, Tessa Quinney, Jordan Stanley, coach Duane Manderscheid; front, left to right: Louis Stanley, Keely O'Dell, Daniel Monias; missing from photo, Windy Quinney, Chase John.

Power of principle a driving force for Christian Heritage Party candidate

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Contributor

Running for office comes down to a choice of principle for 53-year-old Sip Hofstede, a draftsman and business owner.

Hofstede, who lives 40 kilometres outside of Westlock, is taking his first foray as a political candidate in the Oct. 14 election as the Christian Heritage Party. Running against Conservative candidate and incumbent Brian Storseth may not be a popular move, he says, adding some people might accuse him of splitting the conservative vote. But he believes in the principles of the Christian Heritage Party and its

focus on family values, which is why he got involved with the party when it began in 1987.

"I didn't think I could, in good conscience, subscribe to the (Conservative) policies," he says. "I see a decline of the family unit in society and I've come to the conclusion that the Conservative Party is not really doing anything about it."

Although people may have a perception that the Christian Heritage Party is a one-issue party, it addresses a whole slate of other issues besides family values, he says. For Hofstede, dealing with environmental issues and taking care of infrastructure are two other major

priorities. He adds he would like to see something done about the way health care is administered in Canada.

"I'm having a great difficulty paying taxes when I know my funds are being used to murder babies," he said, referring to the party's anti-abortion stance.

He believes there are a number of people in the Westlock-St. Paul riding who are disenchanted with their political options and "are really frustrated because they don't have a place to park their vote."

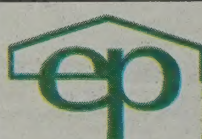
Running for office is his way of giving those people an

alternative, although that may not mean a landslide of support for the Christian Heritage Party.

"I don't see us getting into power right away," he says. But he's keen to see people vote on principle, for whom they see as the best candidate for the job, rather than the party that is most likely to win.

"I'd like to vote on principle, and I think God can take care of the outcome."

Ultimately, his goal for this election is "to give people an alternative and if that involves winning this election and going to Ottawa, then that's what I'll do."



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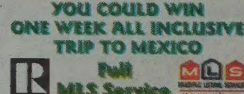


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